[13th November 1965

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : From the paper placed on the table of the House, Sir, it is seen that more milk comes from Erode and other places, whereas the co-operatives in the Chingleput and South Arcot districts are not encouraged. What are the reasons for this?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Sir, it is not a question of any encouragement. The quantity of milk available locally was not sufficient. So, for the extra milk we had to go to Erode and other places.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Do the Government propose to give more aid to the co-operative societies in these districts and such other societies and Projects as Madhavaram colony and see that they augment the supplies ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Sir, whatever help is required it is considered and given.

Adulteration of ghee with vanaspathi

* 241 *Q.*—SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that ghee is adulterated with Vanaspathi ; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken by the Government to prevent such adulteration ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Ghee samples are being taken from vendors in the City and muffasal regularly. Such of those vendors selling ghee adulterated with Vanaspathi are being prosecuted. The adulterated stuff is also often seized and destroyed with the permission of the Court.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Sir, may I know what happened to the proposal of colouring Vanaspathi to enable detection of adulteration ? I think there was such a proposal under consideration.

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : Sir, I have no information of any such proposal.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that Vanaspathi is harmful to health to a certain extent ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : That is why, Sir, prosecutions have been launched when it is mixed with ghee.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : How many cases were booked for adulteration of ghee with vanaspathi ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : I want notice, Sir.

13th November 1965]

திரு. க. அன்பழகன் : தலைவர் அவர்களே, மக்கள் அதிகமாகப் பயன்படுத்துகிற நெய்யில் வனஸ்பதி கலக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா என்பதை பொது மக்கள் கண்டுகொள்ள வழிவகை ஏதாவது அரசாங்கத்தால் அறிவிக்கப்பட்டதா ?

கனம் திருமதி ஜோதி வெங்கடாசலம் : அவர்கள் உபயோகிக்கும் நெய்யைப் பார்க்கும்போது அது கலப்படம் என்று சந்தேகப்பட்டால் அதைக் கொண்டுவந்து கொடுத்தால் பரிசோதனை செய்து பார்த்துச் சொல்லமுடியும்.

DR. H. V. HANDE : If ghee adulterated with vanaspathy is bad for health, then why is it, Sir, the Health authorities allow it to be sold ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : The law is that ghee adulterated with vanaspathy should not be sold as pure ghee.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Is it injurious to the health or not?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : I do not think vanaspathi as such is injurious, because I find people using it. But if it is adulterated with ghee and such ghee is sold as pure ghee, then it will come under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act.

Assistant and District Medical Officers (Administration)

*242 Q.—SRI M. RAJAH IYER : (on behalf of Dr. T. V. Sivanandam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Helth be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to create a post of Assistant District Medical Officers (Administration) in selection grade and District Medical Officers (Administration) in Coimbatore, Salem, Tiruchirappalli, Thanjavur, Madurai, and Tirunelveli, to look after the administrative side only; and 3-30 p.m

(b) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Loans by Co-operative agricultural banks

*243 Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that loans granted by co-operative agricultural banks against the security of jewels are also taken into account for overall maximum limit for each agriculturist ; and